

CORY'S DAILY CARTOON.

The Christmas Shopping Man.



The Victim—Your Majesty must excuse my uneasy levity. You see, I have been hunting Christmas bargains for my wife; was killed in a bargain counter scrimmage and—er—you can't imagine what a pleasant change this is.

WATCH A MAN'S HANDS. The Way They Hang and Move Gives Away His Character.

A MAN drops his hands to his sides by a purely unconscious action, and all unconscious actions are important to a would-be judge of character.

Sit by a window and watch the passer-by.

The man whose first and little fingers are stretched straight down, with the two others curled inward, is endowed with accurate judgment and precise foresight.

If a long and well-formed thumb hang parallel with the outstretched fingers, all his actions will be the result of thought.

Another whose forefinger alone points downward is by profession a teacher—possibly a preacher. The same man, when listening intently, will have a habit of resting the finger on his temple.

The characteristics of the teacher and the man of judgment, combined in the right and left hands, respectively, denote some one in the capacity of a judge—a man who is constantly accustomed to weigh a point and lay it down as his dictum.

The forefinger and second finger, if seen hanging down close together, might denote the judge's clerk; whose business leads him to turn over papers with a hand constantly ready for the pen.

The average man of all classes walks with his flat hand doubled. Marked characteristics are in his case unusual, or too undeveloped to be demonstrated by the fingers.

This instance might be brought forward in corroboration of the theory advanced by professors of palmistry, who say that the seat of the will lies in the thumb.

LAURA JEAN LIBBEY: Question of How Plain Girls May Attract Desirable Lovers.

EVELYN'S query is: "How do plain girls gain lovers?"

She adds: "Will you be good enough to inform me why some girls who are unattractive seem to have many admirers, and also lovers?"

I am not considered plain, yet I can boast of neither the one nor the other. If the power to attract and hold love is an art, please tell me how it may be cultivated. I am still young enough to acquire it."

You are not the first young girl, my dear, who has pondered long and earnestly over that subject. The plain girl's great power of attraction is her modesty.

She feels keenly her lack of charms while in the presence of beautiful maidens, and holds back in diffidence—little dreaming that this is the quality which men admire in a girl.

The pronounced beauty is invariably vain.

She expects attention and admiration from every man who crosses her path. Her very glance expresses the question as plainly as eyes can interpret it:

"Do you not admire me—if not—why not?"



LAURA JEAN LIBBEY.

It is seldom that men find a maiden lovely of face, and at the same time shy.

EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES. It Is Within the Grasp of Every Boy and Girl.

If one wants to know something about education in the United States as a whole, the facts that are of importance may be briefly put in a few words. In the year 1888-9 there were enrolled in public institutions in this country 15,244,435 pupils; in private and incorporated institutions, 1,501,927 pupils; and in special schools, such as Indian, business and reform schools, orphan asylums, kindergartens and schools of music, oratory, elocution, cooking and special arts, 468,998, making a total of 17,255,360. The average school year is 143.3 days, the longest that has ever been recorded and about twice the length that the school year was thirty years ago. The same is true of the educational scheme, which furnishes 4.4 years of schooling.

In the common schools of the country are 12,138,716 pupils, or about 20 per cent. of the population, and the average daily attendance was 10,566,907, or 86 per cent. of the enrollment. To educate these children required the services of 131,993 male teachers and 231,957 female teachers, 415,690 all told, who teach in 244,327 school-houses valued at \$24,098,256, at an average monthly expense of \$4.25 for each male and \$3.14 for each female teacher. The total raised for educational purposes was \$24,017,612, and the total expended was \$197,251,693, an estimable value.

These figures are stupendous and show that no matter how pessimistically we may look at the future there is an army of well-educated and brainy Americans preparing to take the places of those who depart. In fact, the American has never had the advantages of education to such a degree as at the present time. In many States the compulsory educational system is forcing the youth of this country to acquire knowledge that a century ago was the luxury of the rich. To-day education of a high order is within the grasp of every child, and to matter how poor the family, the boy or the girl has chances that are of incalculable value.

RED BROADCLOTH.



This chic costume of red cloth, with its effective bolero of Persian lace and revers of white dotted black panne is an admirable compromise between the street gown and one for afternoon calls. The skirt is elaborately decorated by lines of grouped tucks. The revers of white dotted panne turned back over the jacket discloses a vest of white satin, tucked and set off by gilt buttons.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Yes.

Did Miss Georgia Carvan ever play in "The Amazons" at the Lyceum Theatre?

T. W.

Yes, if Elected.

Can a Roman Catholic become a President of the United States?

HERMAN MULLER.

"Fate!" Arabic.

Kindly tell me the meaning of the word "kismet," and in what language.

CHARLES JAMES.

If It Not in the Spectrum.

Is white a color?

Yes, Mrs. Fiske.

Was "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" dramatized? And if so who was the leading lady?

MAY E. G.

The Latter Is Correct.

In addressing a letter to a young lady of about three months' acquaintance is it proper to address her as "Dear Friend" or "Dear Miss So-and-so?"

R. A.

Yes.

Is Joe Bernstein, the pugilist, still living?

J. H. H. G.

Saturday, Sunday.

Please state on what day Dec. 7, 1878, fell. Also Dec. 28, same year.

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BOOKS BY THE MILLION FOR THE MILLIONS?

Do you read?

The advertising columns contain news of books, books being made by the million and sold by the million and bought by the millions. The supply is ever increasing. But the demand exceeds it. We are a nation of readers. We are a nation of hungry, thirsty minds.

Are you keeping up with the procession? Or are you falling behind?

Every man and every woman and every child ought to read every day. Reading ought to be as much a part of the daily routine of a human being as eating or sleeping or breathing or exercising. And the way to insure this is to have a certain hour which is invariably devoted to reading. Never give that hour to anything else. Never permit yourself to sacrifice it to any purpose, because no purpose could possibly be more important than the business of feeding your mind.

You can't keep up nowadays without reading. There was a time of less severe competition when the training and expansion of the mind could be neglected without such serious results. But that time is past. Even if you are competing with the least skilled kind of skilled laborers, you must still read or a multitude of your competitors who do read will surpass you.

What to read?

A natural mind naturally reads that which is beneficial, just as a natural stomach craves only health-giving food. But you may have abused your mind. You may have made it a lodging-place for spiders and rats, a breeding-ground of rank, ill-smelling, worse than worthless weeds. If that is so, you will probably get little benefit from your reading—at first.

But read on, anyway; read what interests you, stimulate your mental curiosity, and presently you will find yourself at work redeeming the wilderness you have made of that rich and splendid possession, your mind.

Just as you try to select your associates from among those who can benefit you, so try to select your books from among those which can benefit you. Just as you are at pains to cultivate your desirable acquaintances, so be at pains to cultivate the desirable books. And in a short time you will find that your books are the most valuable friends you have, constant friends, sympathetic friends, friends that instruct you and at the same time amuse you, that never bore you with their trivialities of trouble, that never tempt you to time-wasting.

How to begin?

Perhaps the most important thing for you to know is the truth about your own time—how it compares with former times, what it is accomplishing, whether it is tending. At the basis of this knowledge lie the facts about your own country.

To understand your time you must understand what your country is doing—not its politicians, because they do not amount to much, being muddling, fuddling, self-seeking creatures who hang back in the procession of progress until the people literally kick them forward; but about its men of business and commerce and science, its doers, its thinkers, its educators. The easiest way to get interested in these mighty movements is by reading the history of your country. That fills you with the proper spirit, the spirit of America, of aspiration, of valiant struggle against any odds, of tireless energy and industry, of freedom and peace and helpfulness and democracy.

The easiest way to get interested in the history of your own country is to read orations and novels bearing upon it.

Orations and novels kindle the fires of curiosity.

Once those fires are kindled you soon have a conflagration blazing; your whole mind is alight and aglow.

What is the result?

You begin to be interested in truth, in fact of all kinds. You look at this queer, awkward, blundering yet sublime human animal in quite a different way. It begins to mean something to you to be of this strange breed. And presently your eyes, looking out upon the world in a new way, see in the answering eyes of others a new respect for you, a new interest in you. You do your work more intelligently. You see more work to do. And when a man or a woman begins to see more work to do his or her future is assured.

The modern man is a reading animal.

A CORRECTION



Proprietor—Two souls! Stout Party—Excuse me, we're not in the theatrical line at all, we're violinists.

NICE POINT.



Victim—Are you a hold-up man? Thus—No, sir; I'm just a coin collector.

HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE CHARLIE?

By T. E. POWERS.



1—How'd you like to take Miss Tootsey Woolsey skating; and on the way to the Prospect Park Lake regale her with tales of your skill as a skatologist and of your cool-headedness in moments of pert—as Charlie did?

2—And spring lightly out upon the lake, vowing that you'll cut her dear name in the ice, and telling her that that name is already cut deep in your own heart, and that you'd gladly go through fire and water for her—as Charlie did?

3—And suddenly skate into an airhole and plunge into the icy water and hear the foolish Tootsey imploring you to tell her if you're wet or not, and hear some utterly unpeppery boys on the bank call out: "How's the water to-day?"—as Charlie did?

4—And be fished out and start for home with the weeping Tootsey, and feel a glacier forming along your spine while she tries to make you forget your woes by telling you how funny you looked in the water, and what a lovely skater the Sunday-School Superintendent is—AS SHE DID CHARLIE?

NICE FRESH AIR AND WALKING.

As They Fall to the Lot of the Sandwich Man.

TALKING about leaving your bedroom window open day and night, and keeping your mouth open, and your lungs ajar, so that the pure ozone from old Ocean and several other old places, such as the Kille, the Jersey flats, and many other flats, will permeate through the breath machinery of your body—Look at me as an example of this fresh-air business. I have been walking up and down Broadway for seven years, handied between two certificates of the virtue of Somebody's chest-protectors. I haven't had any sort of air except the outdoor brand. For moons, if a draught of hot air should hit me I would fall like a star out of business. This cold-air business may be good for people who can mix it with the other matter, but, confidentially, there isn't anything beneficial where you don't have something on the side. I have had all the cold, straight air I want. Don't I look it? As for walking when you can be a tonic. You can take a snap-shot of yours truly. As contradicting any such theory.

THE SANDWICH MAN.

OOM PAUL REJOICES.



Events Helping on a Merry Christmas for the Exiled Burgher.

HARRIET HUBBARD AYER: Practical Hints to Housewives on Everyday Affairs.

The Flea Pest.

Dear Mrs. Ayer: Please print a remedy to get rid of fleas. There is a dog in our house and every time he walks across the hall carpet we can feel the flea bite us.

Mrs. N. S.

BENNYROYAL or bichloride of mercury soap will destroy the flea or an insect powder will banish them for a time.

You might sprinkle the insect powder over the floor where the dog walks or lies.

To Remove Naphtha Odor.

Dear Mrs. Ayer: What will remove odor from clothing and gloves that have been cleaned with naphtha?

Mrs. F. K.

THE fresh air will gradually remove the odor by evaporation. Nothing else will.

To Pickle English Walnuts.

Dear Mrs. Ayer: Kindly publish a recipe for pickling English walnuts. If you know of a recipe for brandy or pickling peaches that have turned sour would you give it?

M. C. G.

THE walnuts should be rubbed with a coarse flannel. Then make a brine from salt water strong enough to bear an egg and let them lie in it nine days, changing the brine every other day. At the end of this time take them out, spread them on large dishes and expose them to the atmosphere for about thirty minutes. Then pour over them boiling water, then take them out one at a time, rub them with a piece of coarse flannel and pierce them with a large needle in several places. Now place in glass jars. To every fifty walnuts add a half gallon of vinegar, one-half ounce of cloves, one-half ounce of allspice, one-half ounce black pepper, a



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quarter of an ounce of mace and a quarter of an ounce of nutmeg. In a porcelain kettle for fifteen minutes. Then strain the vinegar and pour it boiling hot over the walnuts; add a large tablespoonful of grated horseradish and a half a cupful of mustard seed. Cover closely and let stand until ready for use.

A Baby That Declines to Sleep.

Dear Mrs. Ayer: I have a baby about ten weeks old, but I am very much troubled about his sleep. He sleeps very little. What shall I give him to eat and how many times a day?

IDA C. JAMESON, L. I.

YOU have undoubtedly let your baby get into bad habits, which accounts for his wakefulness. You will have to gently discipline him into better ways. I give you a diet for a baby from birth to the end of the seventh month.

He should not be fed oftener than

once in three hours, and should receive from three to five ounces at each feeding.

Never waken him to feed him if he is asleep. Nothing will happen if he should sleep several hours undisturbed.

I assume that this baby is artificially fed. Give him at each feeding:

Milk five tablespoonfuls, cream one tablespoonful, milk-sugar one teaspoonful, water two tablespoonfuls, and heat to a proper temperature.

Old-Fashioned Loaf Cake.

Dear Mrs. Ayer: Will you please give a recipe for old-fashioned loaf cake without eggs?

A. C. V., Hartford, Conn.

I HAVE no such recipe in my collection. I have a number of loaf cake recipes, but they all demand eggs. If any of The Evening World readers can supply this correspondent with a good recipe I shall be personally obliged.

NEW USE FOR GERANIUM.

THE fragrant geranium, the old-fashioned rose geranium, so desirable for all window gardens, is said to possess still more desirable characteristics than are usually credited to it. A suggestion comes from abroad that it may be used to keep flies away. A moderate sized plant is said to be so disagreeable to flies that they avoid its neighborhood, and two or three of these plants in a room will keep it entirely free of the pests. This is surely a pleasant remedy for getting rid of the flies that linger so provokingly after the flies drive the chill from the various rooms.

HAPPY MAN.

He sees the sun through spreading rifts. He hears the wind sing songs of cheer. His wife will send no Christmas gifts. To her relatives this year!